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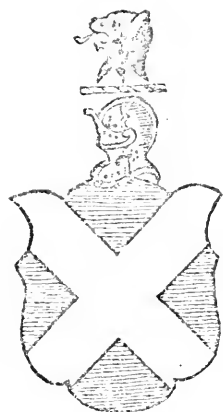
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THE YORK FAMILY.

BY WILLIAM M. SARGENT, ESQ.



Arms of the Family
of York:

Azure a saltire argent.

Crest: A lion's head erased
proper.

THERE is scarcely a family in Savage's Dictionary less noticed than this; and it is the more surprising because records do exist, though widely scattered, yet sufficiently definite to insure gratifying accuracy in the earlier generations, and to lay the foundation to which successors of the name may add their successive courses.

Of the six heads of families mentioned with the scantiest details in that storehouse of genealogical information, all except a certain James, who was of Stonington, L. I., are referrible to the parent stem of Richard, who was the common ancestor of all the Yorks in this part of New England, with the few exceptions hereafter noted. These people seem to have clung with a tenacity that is rare to the earlier cradles of their race, Dover, North Yarmouth, Falmouth, and Gloucester.

In the Court papers of Rockingham County, N. H., 1659-1672, page 457, is recorded this imperfect will of the first Richard York, unsigned unquestionably from some overpowering physical disability, after it had been carefully drawn up, and somewhat incuriously signed by the attesting witnesses in advance.

As it has been generally overlooked in its obscurity, never reaching print heretofore, and since it furnishes the best point of departure from which to chronicle the progress of this family it is considered worthy a prominent place herein.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF RICHARD YORK, OF DOVER.

In y^e name of God Amen y^e lator will & testam^t of Richard Yorke who being well stricken in yeares but ripe in memory this 23: day of Aprile 1672, viz^t J, doe leave & bequeath to my son Jno. Yorke y^t I now live in my farme y^e dwelling houses & out houses p^riuiledges & y^e apptnances thereunto belonging together wth y^e stocke w^{ch} shall remaine upon y^e farme after my decease & y^e legacies here mentioned shalbe paide & what stock of cattle & sheepe & swine shalbe left after y^e legacies be paide shalbe equally devided between my son Jno. Yorke & daughter Elizabeth & my son Benjamin Yorke & my daughter Grace Yorke and likewise alsoe I doe leave & bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Yorke during her life time one third p^t of y^e estate & one cow only my son John Yorke paying y^e just debts to any pson or persons y^t can be made justly appeare. Also I do leave and bequeath to my son Samuel Yorke five pounds alsoe I doe leave & bequeath to my daughter Rachele Halle five pounds & also I doe leave & bequeath to my son Benjamin Yorke that tract of land w^{ch} I hold by Towne Grant scituate lying & being near y^e second fall of Lampill River adjoining unto y^t which was lately Jn^o Martyns lott together wth one yoke of oxen & alsoe doe leave & bequeath to my daughter Grace Yorke tenn pounds also leave & bequeath unto my two grandchildren Rich^t Yorke & Benjamin Yorke fiftie shillings apeese Alsoe to my daughter Grace Yorke legacies is to be paid at her day of marriage or eighteen years of age.

Now I, Richard liuing & being ripe in memory doe now acknowledge this to be my last will & testam^t signed sealed & acknowledged, in the presence of us to be his act and deede datⁱ y^e 23 of Aprile 1672.

Witnes us the mark of
Nicho^s () Doe.
ffrancis Thorn

{ seal }

An imperfect will of Rich: Yorke brought in to the Countee Court held in Portsm^o 30 June 1674 this Court Appoynts his Widow Elizabeth Yorke & Jn^o Yorke Administer to y^e estate and order y^t y^e estate be devided according to this imperfect will & give securitie y^t they will pform y^e same accordingly

Elias Stileman Cle.

Vera copia of y^e originall as it is upon file attest

Elias Stileman Cleri.

Besides this will the records contain little concerning Richard York, but that shows him to have been a worthy settler who was in good standing in his community and church, and by steady industry in his life as a planter, he had accumulated a respectable competency. He appears first in Dover on record in 1648. In 1656 he had a grant of one hundred acres from the Town which he devised to his son Benjamin. This land appears to have been at Oyster River, as the son in 1675 is taxed there. It appears from a deed (Rockingham Reg. 2-80) dated 7 Aug. 1661, that he had before that date bought fifty acres at Littlejohn's Creek of William Hilton, which he then sold to Joseph Austin, his wife Elizabeth joining in the conveyance. In 1669 he signs the Church petition. His widow some time after his decease in 1674, married William Graves, who in 1701 (Rockingham Reg. 9-621), is called of Exeter, whither they had probably removed.

(Id. 3-182.) "It is agreed betwixt William Graves on the one part, and John York his son in law on ye other part, that what the sd William Graves hath received of Richard York's estate, it shall be to ye use of William & Elizabeth Graves the some time widow of sd Richard York deceased during the lives of the sd William & Elizabeth Graves.

8 June 1681. Acknowledged at Court at Dover."

In the scarcity of authentic records of our early settlers, it is gratifying now and then to find preserved, bits of history that serve to trace certain families in their wanderings, and here and there perchance a deed which may throw some light upon family connections.

Thus breaking through the obscurity of antiquity, the industrious exertions of John and Samuel, sons of the first Richard, stand out worthy the praise of their contemporaries and the emulation of their successors. They were among the earliest of the hardy first settlers who succeeded to the transitory and speculative spirits along our Eastern coast, and set in earnest about the task of transforming the primeval wilderness into the comfortable homesteads along our shores. It seems that the elder brother, succeeding to the paternal farm, probably from considerate care of his young children, lingered yet awhile in the better settled region now called Durham, N. H.,¹ and remained there till 28 June, 1675, when with his wife Ruth he sells out to John Cutt; while the younger Samuel, striking out for pastures new, purchased with his partner on the 20th July, 1670, this valuable concession, to which they make claim in 1715, three years before Samuel's death, and before the Commissioners of Eastern Claims, viz.:

"James Thomas & Sam^l York claimes a certain tract of land lying & being & belonging to Amoscoggin bounding viz into the South west bounds of Mr. Thomas Gyles his Land & so right over unto Muddy river thereto butting & from M^r Tho^s Gyles his bounds on the river side to run up along untill you Come to the lower end of the Middle Island that is at the Entering of the Narrows & from that place of Entering in of the Narrows to run

¹ Rock. Reg. 3-124.

into the woods North West two miles &c. with all meadows or marshes, with all Profits Commodities pasture wood underwood timber trees with priviledges of fowling fishing &c. as pr a Deed thereof from the Indians viz Jeromkin & Daniel & Robin Indian Sagamores to James Thomas & Sam^l York planters under the hands and seals of the said Jerompkin Daniel and Robin Dated 20th July one Thousand Six Hun^d & Seventy & Suffishently Witnessed by English & Indian Testimonies or witnesses."

This transaction is mentioned in Sullivan's History of Maine, p. 146; while the tract is more exactly located at III Maine Hist. Coll. p. 315: "In going further up the Pejepscot and passing by sundry small islands we come to the lands of Jas. Thomas and Samuel York who dwelt on the North side of the River in what is now called Topsham. They purchased of Indians 20 July, 1670. Their right extended up as far as Terrignus Cove near where the railroad bridge has been recently built"; while Wheeler's History of Brunswick and Topsham, p. 20, quoting from a statement made in 1714, adds: "Samuel York [lived] about four or five miles down from the Falls on the Eastern side."

They did not long enjoy their new possessions before the first war drove them for security to the older settlements. It appears from the "Book of Eastern Claims" that Samuel York 20 Nov. 1682 conveyed one half the saw-mill in Cape Porpus to John Barson, but it was while living there that Samuel's wife Hannah witnessed on the 30 June 1676 Thomas Stephens' deed of land at North Yarmouth (v. p. 444 OLD TIMES). Her name convincingly identifies him with the refugee to Gloucester, where she is mentioned in his will and survived him six years. It is doubtful if Samuel and his family ever returned to reside there. On the contrary they seem to have remained in Falmouth until the destruction

of that place in the second war when they fled to Gloucester. (York Reg. 14-41.) The Depositions of John Lane aged 77 and Nathaniel Wharf aged near 70, sworn to 21 Oct. 1730, testify that: "Samuel York had a lot of land near Mussel Cove in Casco Bay and built a house and possessed by virtue of a town grant more than fifty years ago [i.e. before 1680]. Said lots according to our remembrance were called fifty acre lots." The site of this homestead and the name of its earliest record owner are perpetuated upon the United States Coast Survey map, where "York Ledge" and "York's Landing" are given along Falmouth Foreside.

The abandonment of the Topsham tract caused the heirs in subsequent years trouble and vexatious litigation, for the Pejepscot Proprietors assumed jurisdiction over it and granted it in parcels to its own tenants.¹ Samuel York (12) of Ipswich, Administrator of his father Samuel, recites 30 June, 1721, that he had brought suits for trespass against tenants of the Pejepscot Company for lands at Topsham which are now settled by agreement with the Company, "three hundred acres reserved to myself and the descendants of my father to be distributed or divided among us."

After this compromise the several heirs by deeds recorded in York County Registry at Vol. 26, pp. 235, 236, Vol. 27, p. 61, Vol. 30, pp. 69 and 285, convey to their nephew John Robinson, who being of Falmouth 1761, calls the above Samuel Junior his uncle, and says, "the whole right of Samuel York is now vested in me."

Samuel York's children appear with most gratifying completeness in the record of his will at Salem,² and the deeds that passed between his heirs, recorded at Alfred. His heirs received recogni-

¹ Pejepscot Papers III. 17. Maine Hist. Society.

² Dated 15 Mch. 1717-8; probated 27th Mch. 1717-8.

tion by the new settlers¹ in Falmouth by reason of their father's having been an old inhabitant, and upon the North Yarmouth Town Records, a reprint of which is to be consulted in "OLD TIMES," they² drew lot No. 12 in the division of ten acre lots there 16 June 1727, which would indicate that their father at some time after his residence at Topsham in 1670, and in Falmouth before 1680, had finally fixed upon his home in Yarmouth, where his brother John had become a most influential man and was afterwards a selectman and trustee, and where he dwelt till the second war. The exact date is fixed by this,³ and is further corroborated by this letter by his son.⁴

John York, the older brother, doubtless attracted by his brother's successful real estate transactions, seems to have moved down the coast soon afterward; dwelt for awhile at Scarborough, where his signature appears among a list of petitioners. At just what date he moved into North Yarmouth must, I fear, ever remain conjectural, since it was before any records were kept by the Proprietors. Driven away by the first Indian war, he seems at one time, while dwelling at York, whither he went with his neighbors, the Cousins,

¹ Proprietors Records I. 133.

² The record reads: "Samuel York drew Lot No. 12, John York drew Lot No. 97," but in both cases their "heirs or assigns" must have been intended, for John had been killed at the stubborn defence of the fort at Casco 1692, and Samuel had died peacefully at his new home in Gloucester. That this must be so, is further proven because we know that Samuel Junior lived at Ipswich, never coming to the Eastward, and there was no other John of full age till Benjamin's son No. 35.

³ p. 224, OLD TIMES. — "16 July 1688 Samuel York petitions for confirmation of about 100 acres in North Yarmouth over against Hog (or Cousins') Island & 4 acres of Marsh on the West branch of Cousins' River which had been in his possession two years."

⁴ (Rev. Mr. Shepley's Files — Maine Hist. Soc.) Letter from Samuel York (12) dated "Ipswich, 26 Aug. 1726, where I now dwell. Mr. Samuel York was my father, & he formerly lived in North Yarmouth in Casco Bay & had a lot of land there granted him & built a house & lived there a considerable time & his house was made a garrison & entertained several other families until the Indians drove them away. I was about 10 years old when we come away." [1688, b. 1678.]

Brays, Saywards, Royals, and others, to have abandoned the intention of ever returning, for he there executed a deed, 21 June, 1680, of land (p. 1170, OLD TIMES,) in North Yarmouth; but he seems later to have repented him of his bargain, or not to have conveyed all of his possessions there, for he had a controversy, no doubt spirited, and presumably somewhat forceful, with John Atwell, son-in-law of old John Maine, after whom the neck upon the Foreside was called Maine's Point, (p. 485, OLD TIMES,) as appears from the deposition¹ of the younger,² John Holman on the 3 April, 1685, "that John York hath fenced in some of said John Atwell's land that he bought of Richard Bray and doth refuse to surrender it"; and William Latherby³ says the same in his deposition¹ of the 16 May.

Certain it is, I think, I have established that John York came to North Yarmouth some years earlier than Rev. Mr. Shepley records him there, and at least five years before the Town Records, then really first being kept consecutively, show him to have been a Trustee under President Danforth's deed of the town, and in later years a selectman. His prominence in local matters is amply attested in the pages of "OLD TIMES" in the reprint of the Town Records already alluded to, and his petition shows how well he was prospering the second year before he fell a victim to the revengeful Indians; for "16 July, 1688 John York petitions for confirmation of three hundred acres in North Yarmouth, on which he now liveth, & 8 acres of marsh (four on the West and four on the East branch) of Cousins' River — also for an allowance of three hundred acres of vacant land on the East side of Cousins' River & 14 acres of vacant marsh wherever it may be found." (p. 224, OLD TIMES.) It will always be matter of great

¹ York Reg. 4-37. ² "Aged about 48." ³ "Aged about 27."

regret that he did not therein state how long he had occupied his lands as did his brother, or give us some clue as to how he came into possession, as such a statement would have doubtless revealed some much desired connections.

As to his family relations, it is impossible to obtain that clear insight that is afforded by the records concerning his brother Samuel's family, owing to his untimely death, or rather massacre, on the 17th of May, 1690,¹ at the fall of Casco Fort. In such troublous times there was no opportunity for will making, or the orderly disposition of one's estate. Williamson records his death at p. 638, in the appendix to Vol. I. of his History of Maine, but commits an anachronism at p. 645 of Vol. I. by writing that "*John York* was taken from Camden to pilot Major Church in 1696." This should read Samuel, who was taken prisoner on that fateful day, and is given among the list of those remaining in Canada, and not redeemed by Matthew Carey in 1695.

Three of John York's children had given their evidence in depositions in February 1687 (*Mass. Arch. and Willis MSS., A, 200*), before Edward Tyng, Esq., about the conduct of the Indians threatening war, etc.: these were Richard (8), Benjamin (9), and Ruth (10) who afterward married Henry Haskell of Gloucester. The first two had been mentioned in their grandfather's will (*ante*); and were probably of that devoted band of the flower of our youth, who sallying out under Lieut. Thaddeus Clark, were cut off to a man, during the siege of Casco fort. Certain it is that neither they nor any heirs of theirs ever claimed or conveyed any share of their

¹I place the date of this event three days earlier than did Mr. Willis, upon what I consider indisputable authority, for Capt. Edward Sargent, the nearest military commandant at Saco, reporting to his superior officer, Major Vaughan, writes upon the 18 May, 1690, "that *yesterday* Casco fort is taken and all Burnd down." This letter so valuable to the correct chronologist, was found at Vol. 36, p. 70, of the Massachusetts Archives, and has been printed in the *RECORDER*, Vol. II., 139.

father's large estate. Joseph (11), his fourth child, and only remaining son, lived afterward at Gloucester and had a family of seven children, but by the death of his only son Joseph (31), childless, and the marriage of all his daughters the name became extinct in the line of John, as early as 1735. The connection of this Joseph much puzzled Mr. Babson, and in the absence of accessible records was never satisfactorily accounted for. It is only by the fortunate discovery of the deeds¹ cited in the notes, at Alfred, that I can so confidently assign him his proper place, and assert as I do that I have cleared up the vexing mystery obscuring this line. Genealogy, in the absence of given details, must needs be synthetical; and since in my entire practice, I never met with a case that better illustrates that assertion, or more clearly shows one of the methods to be employed in the determination² of heirships, than that of the task of accounting for the children of this same John York, it will be well to examine critically the proportions conveyed in these deeds. It is always to be borne in mind by investigators that by the compromise law of this Province from 1693 to March, 1806, (with only a slight amendment in March, 1784,) the eldest son of an intestate had two shares, or a double portion, of the whole estate. Ignorance or forgetfulness of this rule of law has misled many genealogists and inextricably confused some abstracts of title; a case

¹ Ruth and Henry Haskell (her husband) of Gloucester, convey to George Dennison, (p. 989. OLD TIMES) all their rights, etc., to a lot in North Yarmouth formerly of John York. "as said Ruth was a daughter of sd John York." 10 Nov. 1735. York Reg. 18-59.

Mary and Francis Sargent (her husband) of Gloucester, convey to George Dennison, one-ninth of one right, etc., "which came to her from her father Joseph York, son of said John York." 10 Nov. 1735. Id. 18-59.

Abigail and Jacob Randall (her 2d husband) of Gloucester, to George Dennison, one-ninth, etc., "said Abigail being the daughter of Joseph son of John." 10 Nov. 1735. Id. 18-59.

Ruth and William Ewell (her husband) and Rachel and Benjamin Card (her husband) all of Gloucester, to George Dennison two-ninths, etc., "derived to the said Ruth and Rachel by virtue of their father Joseph York who was son of John York, both deceased." 10 Nov. 1735. Id. 20-192.

in point occurring in the derivation of the Bramhall-Vaughan title at the Western end of our city, where the leading historian and conveyancer of his day persistently adds one heir too many to each family in this inhibited period, with the unsatisfactory result of a constantly accumulating fractional part, of which, from the very nature of his mistake, he could find no conveyances.

To return to our problem: how many children had John (2) and his only surviving son Joseph (11)? A patient search through every New England Registry yielded only the four deeds cited, that have any bearing upon the question, or afford any aid in its solution. The salient feature in these deeds is that three of them convey in the proportion of *one-ninth* by each of four daughters of Joseph, while Mrs. Haskell leaves it all indefinite what proportion she inherited from her father John. We know also from the Gloucester births that Joseph had originally seven children; and had they all lived, they would have inherited in the proportions of eighths, or some of its multiples. Leaving out of consideration the death of a girl, for we know they all six survived and married, if his only son Joseph had died childless, the sisters' proportions would then be augmented to sixths. Inheriting, then, one-sixth each of their father's estate, what proportion must he have inherited of *his* father's estate in order that his heirs should convey ninths? Of course two-thirds. So Joseph was either the elder of two sons of John, or else had only one sister and no brother. Mrs. Haskell delivers us from such a dilemma by the recitals in her deed. Thus is it proven both mathematically and genealogically, that John left one son and one daughter; and Joseph had six daughters as surviving heirs in 1735.

Benjamin (13), by his deposition, given in 1759, furnishes us with the date of his birth, 1680, (*Willis MSS., P., 57.*) for he states,

"that he was then 79 years old; and that he was in Falmouth when he was 9 years old" (i.e. in 1689). Taken to Gloucester, after the destruction of Falmouth, he there grew up and married, 7 Dec., 1704, Mary, daughter of Lieut. John Giddings, of Chebacco, and grandchild of the first George and Joan (Tuttle) Giddings, of Ipswich. There his first six children were born, the last, Mary, in 1718. He must soon after have removed to Falmouth, where he was voted a 60 acre lot, 1 Feb., 1719-20, and enters "the mark for his creatures," 10 Mch., 1721-2. (*Falmouth Records*, 1-12.) Joining the church with his wife Mary, 13 Aug., 1727, he was chosen a deacon in 1729. Two more children were born to him after his settlement here. He, with his partner John Sawyer, seems to have formed the intention of building a mill at Black Point, and bought a lot there of the elder Penhallow with that purpose, (*York Reg.* 13-19,) but abandoned it for the superior inducements held out by the Falmouth people, as the Rev. Mr. Smith records: (*Smith & Deane's Journal*, p. 51.) "1727—Last month Mr. Sawyer and York came here and finished their grist mill which every way answered their expectation." "This mill was built at Lawrence's Creek in Cape Elizabeth, opposite Portland. In 1722, the town granted the creek 'to the men that undertake to set up a corne mill,' and 100 acres besides." (*Id. n. 2.*) There is no record now remaining of the time of his death, but we know from the recitals in deeds by his heirs that it was not long before 1764. (*Cumb. Reg.*, 3-228), and that he left a will unfortunately burned in the Great Fire.

Deacon Samuel (53) of North Yarmouth, whose name appears frequently in the pages of "OLD TIMES," in connection with both town and church affairs, was one of the founders of the Baptist society, and one of the builders of its church edifice. He was very industrious, and with the increase of his prosperity, his benevolence

prompted him to give in charity what amounted to quite a fortune for those days. Some anecdotes of him that still survive show him to have been quaintly dry and witty in his brevity of speech. The reputation he left behind is a priceless inheritance to his family and descendants.

William Ring (56) was born in Falmouth and losing his father while yet young, went to live with Eben Gray, and with him went to sea until the Revolutionary war. On a voyage to the West Indies, in the first year of the war, he was captured by an English cruiser, taken to Nassau, N. P., where he remained six months. After his return home he was twice captured, the last time, his vessel was burned off Wood Island, but he and his crew made their escape in their boats. After this he joined the army in Massachusetts, and was with the division that occupied Dorchester Heights. He served for the remainder of that year. During the continuance of the war he made frequent trips to Boston; had considerable dealings with Gov. Hancock, and is said to have been released through his influence, when taken by the press gang from his vessel in Boston harbor. Upon one occasion his safe arrival there, with a cargo of flour and corn from Baltimore, was the occasion of much rejoicing, there being great scarcity of bread. After peace was declared, he went to reside at Falmouth foreshore, and engaged for a time in ship-building. His sons all went to sea, and his daughters, with one exception, all married seafaring men.

He is said to have been of robust physique, and to have suffered but one day from bodily ailments in his long life.

FIRST GENERATION.

(1) Richard and Elizabeth York.

SECOND GENERATION.

- 2 i John, b. —; m. Ruth —?
- 3 ii Samuel, b. 1645; m. Hannah —? d. 18 March, 1718.
- 4 iii Elizabeth, b. —.
- 5 iv Rachel, b. —; m. — Hall.
- 6 v Benjamin, b. 1654.
- 7 vi Grace, b. after 1654; m. John Gilman of Exeter.

THIRD GENERATION.

(2) John and Ruth York.

- 8 i Richard, probably died young without issue.
- 9 ii Benjamin, probably died young without issue.
- 10 iii Ruth, m. Henry Haskell of Gloucester.
- 11 iv Joseph, b. —; d. 13 October, 1728; m. Abigail Robinson, 10 January, 1722. She d. 13 July, 1729.

(3) Samuel and Hannah York. She d. 28 Nov., 1724.

- 12 i Samuel, b. 1678; m. Mary Dutch, 21 February, 1706, was of Ipswich. He d. June, 1767. She d. 16 April, 1709; m. 2d, Mary Potter. Int. m. 27 Oct., 1711.
- 13 ii Benjamin, b. 1680; m. 7 Dec., 1704, Mary Giddings.
- 14 iii Richard, b. 1682; m. Patience Hatch, 17 Jan., 1711.
- 15 iv Hannah, m. Edward Harraden.
- 16 v Elizabeth, m. Samuel Griffin.
- 17 vi Sarah, m. Abraham Robinson.
- 18 vii Rachel, m. Josiah Lane.
- 19 viii John, b. 1695; d. 1699.
- 20 ix Thomas, b. —; d. 1699.

(6) Benjamin and (—?) York.

- 21 i Richard, — of Exeter.
- 22 ii John, m. Phaltiel Folsom, of Exeter.
- 23 iii Elizabeth, m. Job Jenkins, of Exeter.
- 24 iv Rachel, m. William Jones, of Amesbury.
- 25 v Benjamin, —, of Newmarket.

Of this branch we have no further trace at present, except scattered memoranda relating to descendants of John. The Dr. Jasper Hazen York who died at Dover, 7 April, 1874, aged 58, leaving one daughter, was unquestionably of this line through his parents John and Rebecca Stevens (Durgin) York.

FOURTH GENERATION.

(11) Joseph and Abigail (Robinson) York.

- 26 i Abigail, b. 29 Jan., 1701; m. 1st, Samuel Stevens, 23 Oct., 1718; m. 2d, Jacob Randall, 13 Jan., 1725.
- 27 ii Ruth, b. 28 Feb., 1703; m. William Elwell, 27 Oct., 1720.
- 28 iii Mary, b. 14 May, 1705; m. Francis Sargent, 9 Aug., 1722.
- 29 iv Sarah, b. 3 July, 1707; m. William Young, 24 Nov., 1725.
- 30 v Hannah, b. —; m. William Knight, of Manchester, 18 March, 1729.
- 31 vi Joseph, b. 27 Oct., 1711; never married, dying without issue before 10 Nov., 1735; his share in real estate fell equally to his six sisters.
- 32 vii Rachel, b. 21 Aug., 1713; m. Benjamin Card, 28 Dec., 1732.

(12) Samuel and Mary (Dutch) York, and 2d wife Mary (Potter) York.

- 33 i Samuel (who is mentioned in his grandfather Samuel's will), and a large family of other children, whose names must be sought on the Ipswich records.

(13) Benjamin and Mary (Giddings) York.

- 34 i —, died an infant.
- 35 ii —, died an infant.
- 36 iii Benjamin,¹ b. 30 Dec., 1710; m. Elizabeth Washburn, of No. Yarmouth, 13 Feb., 1732.
- 37 iv John, b. 8 June, 1713; int. m. Deborah Sawyer, 27 Oct., 1734.
- 38 v Samuel, b. 13 Oct., 1715; m. Joanna Skillings, 23 Dec., 1736.
- 39 vi Mary,² b. 11 March, 1718; int. m. Nathan Noyes, 30 Nov., 1735.

¹ It was probably this Benjamin and his family who are given as the seventh in order among the first settlers of Blushik Me., in 1765, where they remained but a short time, probably removing further to the East, where all trace of them has been lost.

² The writer connects with the Yorks, through the marriage, 30 Nov., 1735, of this Mary York with Nathan Noyes, of Falmouth, the fourth in descent from the first Nicholas, of Newbury. Their daughter Mary married, 1 (int.), 28 Feb., 1760, Joseph Weare, p. 480, OLD TIMES, the fifth in descent from the first Nathaniel, of Newbury. Their daughter Mary married Capt. John March, seventh in descent from the first Hugh, of Newbury. Their daughter Sally H., m. 5 Nov., 1816, Jeremiah Mitchell, seventh in descent from the first Experience, of Plymouth and Bridgewater, who were the grandparents of the writer, as shown on p. 255, OLD TIMES.

- 40 vii Sarah, b. 6 Apr., 1724; int. m. William Knight, 24 Oct., 1742.
 41 viii Joseph, b. 6 Aug., 1728; m. Susanna Ring, 22 April, 1747.

(14) Richard and Patience (Hatch) York. He d. 2 May, 1718, and his widow m. George Harvey, 15 March, 1720.

- 42 i Patience, m. Joseph Haraden.
 43 ii Thomas, b. 10 Aug., 1713; m. Dorothy Low, 7 Nov., 1734.
 44 iii Mary, m. Samuel Griffin.
 45 iv Richard, d. soon after his father, 1718.

FIFTH GENERATION.

(37) John and Deborah (Sawyer) York.

- 46 i John, b. 10 Sept., 1737; m. Mercy Staples, 8 Nov., 1764.

(38) Samuel and Joanna (Skillings) York.

- 47 i Joanna, b. 12 Dec., 1737.
 48 ii Samuel, b. —; moved to Durham, Me.
 49 iii Sarah, b. —; m. Daniel Harmon.
 50 iv Joseph, b. —; m. Abigail Flinn, 1774.
 51 v Susanna, b. —; m. Vincent Roberts.
 52 vi Deborah, b. —; m. George Copson Roberts.

(41) Joseph¹ and Susanna (Ring) York. After her husband's death she m. 2d, John Lock.

- 53 i Samuel, baptized 27 March, 1748; d. 11 April, 1830; m. 1st, Margery Mitchell; she d. 6 Dec., 1783. m. 2d, Elizabeth Hoyt. She d. 24 June, 1835.
 54 ii Joseph, bapt. 19 Nov., 1749; m. Jane Gilchrist.
 55 iii John, b. —; m. Margaret Gilchrist.
 56 iv William Ring, b. 1758; d. 16 Jan., 1848; m. 1st, Polly Drinkwater; she d. 23 Apr., 1810; m. 2d, Mary Ridout; she d. 18 March, 1871.

¹The gravestone of this worthy pioneer still stands in the Falmouth burying-ground, inscribed:

Here Lies Buried y^e Body of
 MR. JOSEPH YORK
 Who Departed this Life
 October'y^e 18th 17⁵⁰
 in y^e 33^d year of his age

Behold & see you that pass by
 as you are now so once was I
 as I am now so you must be
 O think upon Eternitye

- 57 v Hannah, b. —; d. in maidenhood.
- 58 vi Susanna, b. —; m. Joseph Thrasher.

(43) Thomas and Dorothy (Low) York.

- 59 i Elizabeth.
- 60 ii Joseph, b. 20 Feb., 1742; m. Martha Griffin, 25 Sept., 1764.
- 61 iii Thomas.

SIXTH GENERATION.

(53) Samuel and Margery¹ (Mitchell) York. She d. 6 Dec., 1785.

- 62 i Solomon, b. 1 Oct., 1769; d. 28 June, 1843; unmarried.
- 63 ii Joseph, b. 29 Aug., 1772; d. 17 Apr., 1798; m. Elizabeth Blanchard.
- 64 iii Miles Standish, b. 14 Jan., 1773; d. 9 June, 1807; m. Hannah Pratt.
- 65 iv Susanna, b. 11 Mar., 1777; d. 30 Nov., 1822; m. Col. Thomas Chase, and had 7 children.
- 66 v Hannah, b. 2 June, 1780; (bap. Johanna, p. 850, O. T.) d. 15 Mar., 1816; m. Timothy Favor, and had five children.
- 67 vi Mary, b. 5 June, 1783; d. 21 Mar., 1843; m. Reuben Favor (brother of above), and had three boys.
- 68 vii Margery, b. 4 Dec., 1785; d. 13 Dec., 1862; m. Ichabod Richmond Loring, and had five children.

Samuel and 2d wife, Elizabeth (Hoyt) York. She d. 24 June, 1838.

- 69 viii Jane, b. 19 Sept., 1787; d. 2nd May, 1793.
- 70 ix Samuel, b. 13 Jan., 1789; d. 20 May, 1814, in Martinique; unmarried.
- 71 x Phebe, b. 15 Sept., 1790; d. 13 June, 1836; unmarried.
- 72 xi Elizabeth, b. 10 Sept., 1791; d. 29 Dec., 1805.
- 73 xii John, b. 25 Dec., 1792; d. 29 July, 1876; m. 1st, Rebecca Safford; 2d, Rebecca —; 3d, Louisa —?
- 74 xiii David, b. 14 Feb., 1794; d. 1 Nov., 1855; m. Mary Baker, 1823.
- 75 xiv Levi, b. 5 Dec., 1795; d. 15 Aug., 1824; m. Abigail Rice.
- 76 xv William, b. 28 April, 1797; d. 27 Nov., 1819; unmarried.
- 77 xvi Dorcas, b. 7 Nov., 1798; d. 2 Aug., 1832; m. William Pierce, and had three children.
- 78 xvii Asa, b. 6 March, 1801; d. 23 Nov., 1863; m. Sarah Rice, 10 March, 1827.
- 79 xviii George, b. 12 April, 1802; supposed to have died at sea.
- 80 xix Lucretia, b. 26 Feb., 1804; d. 23 Sept., 1840; m. Barnabas Sherman, and had 3 children.
- 81 xx Huldah, b. Nov., 1807; d. Aug., 1808.

(54) Joseph and Jane (Gilchrist) York.

- 82 i Joseph, b. —; m. Persey Buxton.
- 83 ii Samuel G., b. —, 1776; d. 10 May, 1862; m. 3 Feb., 1803, Abigail (Davis), widow of George York.

¹ She was daughter of Solomon and Mary Mitchell, b. at No. Yarmouth, 31 Jan., 1750.

(55) John and Margaret (Gilchrist) York.

- 84 i George.
- 85 ii William, b. 1799; d. 12 July, 1824; m. 1st, Mary —? she d. 3 April, 1821, m. 2d, Susan Pettingill; she d. 5 April, 1824.
- 86 iii John.
- 87 iv Joseph.
- 88 v Lucy, b. —; m. — Merrill.
- 89 vi Susanna.
- 90 vii Betsey, m. David Sturdivant.
- 91 viii Jane.
- 92 ix Margaret.

(56) William R. and Polly (Drinkwater) York. She d. 25 April, 1818, aged 57.

- 93 i Joanna, b. 24 Jan., 1781; m. Richard Pomeroy.
- 94 ii Nathaniel Leach, b. 10 Nov., 1782; d. 12 Aug., 1803, at *Burlish*, S. A.
- 95 iii Deborah, b. 11 Dec., 1784; d. 20 Oct., 1856; m. Greeley Sturdivant.
- 96 iv William, b. 26 July, 1787; m. Betsey Bennett; d. at sea 3 Sept., 1833.
- 97 v Olive, b. 31 March, 1790; m. Isaac Sturdivant.
- 98 vi Reuben Gage, b. 15 July, 1792; d. 1884, at Portland; m. 1st, Eliza Flood, 15 July, 1814; m. 2d, Martha S. Titcomb, Dec. 9, 1838.
- 99 vi Ebenezer Gray, b. 8 Aug., 1794; lost at sea in Privateer "Dash," 1812.
- 100 viii Content, b. 16 Feb., 1796; m. 1st, John Sawyer; m. 2d, Robert McLellan, of Cumberland.
- 101 ix Samuel, b. 7 Nov., 1800; d. 20 Dec., 1800.
- 102 x Mary, b. 22 Aug., 1803; d. young.

William R. and, 2d wife, Mary (Rideout) York. She d. 18 March, 1871, aged 92.

- 103 xi Anna Loring, b. 8 April, 1820; m. Asa Townsend, of Sidney, Me.
- 104 xii Ebenezer Ring, b. 20 April, 1822; m. Sarah T. True.
- 105 xiii John Flavel, b. 15 Nov., 1825.

(60) Joseph and Martha (Griffin) York.

- 106 i Joseph.
- 107 ii Dorothy.
- 108 iii Thomas,¹ b. 12 Dec., 1780; d. 17 March, 1868; m. widow Nancy Thompson

¹ This Thomas had three daughters who all married. Mr. Babson says he was the last descendant of Samuel (3) who bore the name on Cape Ann. But that learned author had then misplaced John (73) as a descendant of John instead of Samuel.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

(63) Joseph and Elizabeth (Blanchard) York. She m. 2d, ———
Latham.

109 i Joseph, now living in Norway, Me.

(64) Miles S. and Hannah (Pratt) York.

110 i Sally.

111 ii Jane, d. young.

112 iii Miles Standish, b. ———; m. Susan Byram.

(73) John¹ and Rebecca (Safford) York.

113 i Samuel, b. 22 Feb., 1816; d. 15 July, 1882; m. Abigail G. Lane, 24 June, 1838.

114 ii Nathaniel F. S., b. 18 Feb., 1819; m. Frances A. Hamilton, 12 Oct., 1840.

115 iii Mary Maria, b. 22 May, 1823; d. 18 Apr., 1847; m. Silas Stockman, ———, 1841.

116 iv William S., b. 24 March, 1823; m. Mary Bartlett, 4 April, 1852.

(74) Daniel and Mary (Baker) York.

117 i Levi H., b. 14 Dec., 1826; d. 24 July, 1868.

118 ii William R., b. 10 Oct., 1828; d. 10 Nov., 1846.

119 iii Tryphene R., b. 13 March, 1832; m. Henry Hutchins, 29 Nov., 1870.

120 iv Eliza E., b. 25 April, 1832; m. Hermon Seabury, 19 Dec., 1852.

121 v Samuel B., b. 15 Aug., 1834; m. Flora N. Bran, 1 July, 1873.

122 vi Mary B., b. 21 Aug., 1836; d. 28 Oct., 1838.

123 vii Susan B., b. 16 May, 1840.

(75) Levi and Abigail (Rice) York.

124 i Rufus R., b. 9 Dec., 1820; m. Zoa West, 29 Dec., 1842.

125 ii William, b. 9 Aug., 1823; d. 16 Dec., 1853.

¹ Mr. Babson, writing in 1875, calls this John the last survivor of Deacon Samuel's twenty children at the age of 83; saying that for more than forty years he had been a citizen of Rockport. I find he only survived this notice about a year, dying 29 July, 1876, in his 84th year. Of his four children, from Mr. Babson's "*Additional Notes*," I learn that Samuel York, Esq., his son, was representative of Rockport in 1856. It was apparent from that learned author's comments that there are descendants now living in this line, whom I have traced and give below in their proper places, who are of the line of the elder Samuel (3), as shown by my deductions — and not from that of John, as incorrectly concluded by him. This correction makes inapplicable the statement elsewhere that Thomas (100) was "the last descendant of Samuel York who bore the name in Cape Ann." John's line male became extinct with Joseph (31) son of Joseph, as will be more fully explained in my note under that head.

(78) Asa and Sarah (Rice) York.

- 126 i Solomon, b. 31 March, 1828; d. 7 Nov., 1840. **1606642**
 127 ii George, b. 20 Oct., 1829; m. Nancy Hilton, 5 March, 1857.
 128 iii Frances S., b. 6 May, 1831; m. John Coombs, 11 Nov., 1856.
 129 iv James W., b. 6 May, 1833; d. 2 July, 1858; m. Mary Woodside, 11 Feb., 1857.
 130 v Betsey J., b. 8 June, 1835; d. 11 Nov., 1880.
 131 vi Asa F., b. 5 March, 1840; m. Louisa Trac, 17 Dec., 1867.

(82) Joseph and Betsey (Buxton) York.

- 132 i Joseph, was of Pownal.
 133 ii —, m. — Hodgdon.
 134 iii —, m. — Maxwell.

(83) Samuel G. and Abigail (Davis) York. She d. 1 Sept., 1860.

- 135 i Samuel, b. 12 Dec., 1803; m. Mary Hodsdon, 3 March, 1839.
 136 ii Jane, b. 7 Sept., 1805; m. Samuel Prince, 16 June, 1825.
 137 iii Joseph, b. 15 Aug., 1807.
 138 iv Dorcas, b. 24 March, 1809; m. William Lawrence, 6 Dec., 1832.
 139 v Edward, b. 8 April, 1811; d. 23 Oct., 1828.
 140 vi Roland, b. 6 Aug., 1813; d. 9 Jan., 1866; m. Joanna S. Pore, July, 1841.
 141 vii John, b. 5 Dec., 1815.
 142 viii Abigail, b. 3 May, 1818; m. Ebenezer Y. Pomeroy, 16 March, 1840, of Yarmouth.
 142-2 ix William P., b. 28 Sept., 1820; m. Ursula S. York, 27 Nov., 1850.

(85) William and Mary (— ?) York.

- 143 i John W., b. 1811; d. 1833.
 144 ii Allen G., b. 1818; m. — Lost at sea, 1859, with his wife in the ship "Fannie H. Perley."

(96) William and Betsey (Bennett) York.

- 145 i Elizabeth B., b. 17 Aug., 1817.
 146 ii Deborah S., b. 25 March, 1819; d. 22 Jan., 1881.
 147 iii Charlotte P., b. 10 Oct., 1822.
 148 iv Judith N., b. 19 Sept., 1822; d. 28 Sept., 1855; m. John C. York (148).
 149 v Ursula S., b. 6 Sept., 1825; m. William P. York (142), 29 Nov., 1850.
 150 vi Albion P., b. 22 Aug., 1826; d. 26 July, 1864.
 151 vii Rachel D., b. 31 May, 1830; d. 26 Oct., 1879.
 152 viii George W., b. 30 June, 1832.

(98) Reuben G. and Elizabeth (Flood) York.

- 153 i Harriet Newhall, b. 29 Feb., 1816.
 154 ii John Colby, b. 17 Jan., 1818; m. Judith N. York (148), 16 Aug., 1842.
 155 iii Jane Adeline Steele, b. 12 Dec., 1824; m. James H. Hutchins, 9 Dec., 1845.

- 156 iv Olive, b. 2 March, 1827; d. an infant.
 157 v Olive, b. 25 Jan., 1829; m. Edward J. Waite, 13 Dec., 1846.

Reuben G. and, 2d wife, Martha S. (Titcomb) York.

- 158 vi Sarah T., b. 18 Dec., 1841.

(104) Eben R. and Sarah T. (True) York.

- 159 i William F., b. 27 June, 1851; lost at sea 29 Dec., 1878; m. Carrie B. Soule.
 160 ii Ada G., b. 1 Sept., 1853.
 161 iii Charles B., b. 7 Feb., 1860.
 162 iv Samuel T., b. 7 Oct., 1863.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

(112) Miles S. and Susan (Byram) York.

- 163 i Milton Standish.
 164 ii Henry Ashland.
 165 iii Susan Jane.
 166 iv —, a child, d. at sea 30 July, 1848; p. 302, "O. T."
 167 v —, a child, buried 19 Aug., 1850; p. 333, "O. T."

(113) Samuel and Abigail G. (Lane) York.

- 168 i Samuel, b. 26 March, 1839; d. 12 Dec., 1876.
 169 ii William S., b. 29 March, 1841; m. Lucy L. Parkhurst, 17 Sept., 1860.
 170 iii John Edwin, b. 28 June, 1842; d. 26 Nov., 1881.
 171 iv Orrin, b. 11 Dec., 1851; d. 26 July, 1879.

(114) Nathaniel F. S. and Frances A. (Hamilton) York.

- 172 i Nathaniel S., b. 3 Aug., 1842.
 173 ii Charles F., b. 1 Sept., 1844.
 174 iii Rebecca F., b. 26 April, 1847.
 175 iv Sumner D., b. 7 July, 1854.

(121) Samuel B. and Flora N. (Bran) York.

- 176 i Henry H., b. 8 Oct., 1874.
 177 ii Herron S., b. 11 Aug., 1876.
 178 iii Samuel T., b. 3 Oct., 1879.
 179 iv Mary E., b. 23 Sept., 1881.
 180 v Miles S., b. 9 Feb., 1883.

(124) Rufus R. and Zoa (West) York.

- Edwin W., b. 24 Jan., 1844; d. 25 Sept., 1845.
 Charles R., b. 16 Oct., 1845; d. 30 May, 1872.

- 183 iii Sarah C., b. 13 Oct., 1847; m. George A. Stover, 10 Jan., 1871.
 184 iv Horace M., b. 9 Oct., 1849; m. Eliza J. Bass, 5 Feb., 1874.
 185 v Jane S., b. 23 Sept., 1851; d. 21 May, 1853.
 186 vi Frank B., b. 8 Feb., 1854; d. 3 Sept., 1854.
 187 vii Fred G., b. 22 Jan., 1855; m. Viola S. Poland, 5 Sept., 1881.

(127) George and Nancy (Hilton) York.

- 188 i Fred W., b. 30 Jan., 1858.

(154) John C. and Judith N. (York) York.

- 189 i John Colby, b. 21 July, 1843.
 190 ii William Matte, b. 7 Dec., 1844.
 191 iii Edward M., b. 17 Jan., 1847.
 192 iv Reuben Gage, b. 11 Nov., 1848.
 193 v Charlotte Elizabeth, b. 23 Jan., 1851.
 194 vi Clara Hamblen, b. 10 Oct., 1853.

(159) William F. and Carrie B. (Soule) York.

- 195 i Eben R. jr., b. 7 March, 1874.

NINTH GENERATION.

(169) William S. and Lucy L. (Parkhurst) York.

- 196 i Mary M., b. 21 March, 1861; d. 16 Aug., 1872.
 197 ii Ada, b. 17 Nov., 1864; d. 17 Nov., 1865.
 198 iii William, b. 24 June, 1867; d. 11 Oct., 1867.
 199 iv Laura, b. 24 June, 1867; d. 2 May, 1868.
 200 v Lucy P., b. 29 Aug., 1869; d. 3 May, 1877.
 201 vi Edith S., b. 23 Aug., 1871.
 202 vii Ruth M., b. 30 May, 1873; d. 28 May, 1877.
 203 viii — (a boy), b. 25 July, 1879; d. 25 July, 1879.
 204 ix Marion B., b. 5 Feb., 1881.

(184) Horace M. and Eliza J. (Bass) York.

- 205 i Lotta Z., b. 20 May, 1875.
 206 ii Eva M., b. 11 March, 1878.

N. B.—The exceptions made in the opening paragraphs of this sketch apply to the descendants of one Abraham York, who was early of Cape Elizabeth, now quite numerous in and about Standish, to which their progenitor removed early. In no way that I can discover is this man to be identified with any descendant of our first Richard, and I incline to the opinion that he must have sprung from the Long Island family.

Dr. A. K. P. Meserve, of this city, has collected much valuable material relative to this family for incorporation in his work on Standish, which it is to be hoped will be soon forthcoming.

